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INT: *Mark 8:34-38. Ten alternatives to Life!!!:

1. COME after me. **OR** GO your own way.
2. DENY yourself. INDULGE your lusts.
3. TAKE UP A CROSS. COAST through life.
4. FOLLOW me. Follow Satan. M.12:30.
5. SAVE this life. **OR** SURRENDER this life.
6. LOSE this life. To God. USE it selfishly.
7. GAIN the world. **OR** LOSE eternal life. GAIN KINGDOM.
8. EXCHANGE for soul? SECURE soul-all costs.
9. ASHAMED of Christ. **OR** STAND UP for Jesus.
10. GLORY at Judgment. DISGRACE before all, forever.

* Jesus put it another way: Matt. 7:24-29.

A. Two alternatives:

1. Build on ROCK and save life now and for eternity!
2. Build on SAND and lose good life now and eternal life forever!

I. YOUTH AND LIFE TODAY: Based on Nat. statistic

1. One in six will died young-auto accident.
2. Three of this group will commit suicide.
3. 1 of every 5 marriages will fail.
4. 8-unwanted pre-marital pregnancies.

NOTE: In every case The Good Life was lost because of the FAILURE to follow Jesus.

II. TWO CURRENT ILLUSTRATIONS: (this week!!!)

(Note: Neither involves in-town people.)

A. CALIFORNIA:

1. Strong Christian family. Church leaders
2. Children nurtured IN THE LORD! E. 6:4.
3. Son: H.S. senior. A father-illegitimate
4. Family considering alternatives:
 - a. Abortion. Unthinkable! Murder!
 - b. Adoption to a Mormon institution. (Lost to true N.T. way forever!!)
 - c. Marry! Age 17. No job. Little Ed. Poor finances. Rel. divided!!!

5. YOUR RECOMMENDATION: :::::??????Think.

6. MY RECOMMENDATION: "Father sit down with son. Put the TOTAL decision SQUARELY on HIS shoulders.

- His choices:*
- Abortion out! Shall not kill!
 - Adopt child away, leave girl, go to college. Make some kind of life.
 - Marry girl: No college. Poor job. Poor pay. Live on love+ flesh.

Be low-middle-class or lower. Low-lo

QUOTATION: "You have eaten your cake-can't have i

QUOTATION: "Whosoever SAVE his life LOSE it. Have

7. **RE-RUN:** The way it WOULD have been had Jesus been the Guide of his life:

- Obedient to parents, Bible, God and Christ. PURE
- Careful of affinities with UNBELIEVERS. SAFE.
- Secures highest Ed. possible for Christ. COLLEGE
- GOOD! Christian girl. Excellent education.

Lucrative job. Happy marriage, home & family.

THIS: John 10:10, is what Jesus means!! LIFE!!!

SURRENDERED LIFE & HAVE IT..

B. (HARLINGEN.) *So. Texas.* (lost)

- Strong Christian family. Father, B. S. teacher.
- Long, strong church-life available to her.
- Married OUT of the Lord. He: no rel. background (Strong-willed girl. Aisle-alter-hymn.)
- NOW: 2 children. He, alcoholic. Beats her. Mistreats children. Separated. She working. No scrip. grounds for divorce or remarriage.
- Alternatives:
 - Live with abuses & abnormalities. Dangerous.
 - Divorce: She work & rear kids. Maybe he help.
 - Get help: Change him. Create happy home. ???

30 YR. JOB! Late!

6. **RE-RUN:**

- She home-taught, church-taught about Jesus.
- She serious about Matt. 16:24-26. Determined.
- Settled only for true Christian young man.
- Marrys in the Lord. Happy!! **1 Tim. 6:6-8.**

WHY HAPPY? LOST her life for Jesus. Down self!!

Her loss was her salvation--here and hereafter!

WON BY LOSING!

INV: QUESTION: Upon WHAT are you building your life?

SAND??? Come to Jesus. Matt. 11:28-30.

Express FAITH in public

confession & baptism-today...

Or, if otherwise subject to the gospel of Christ,.....come now also.

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